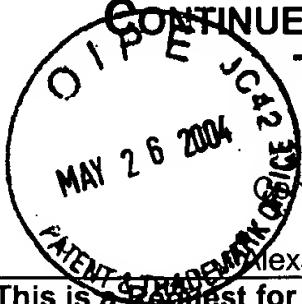


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Group Art Unit	1646
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-captioned application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

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a. Previously submitted

Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)

Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. Other: _____

b. Enclosed

i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply	01 FC:2801	385.00 OP
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2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-captioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed three months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)

b. Other: _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE BASIC FEE	\$ 385		\$ 770.00	\$ 385.00
ii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXTENSION FEES	\$ 740	One-Month Two-Month Three-month Four-Month Five-Month	\$ 110.00 420.00 950.00 1480.00 2010.00	\$ 55.00 210.00 475.00 740.00 1005.00
iii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER – EXTRA CLAIMS FEE	\$ 86	(FOR 2 INDEPENDENT CLAIMS)	\$	\$

b. Check in the amount of \$ 1211 (385 +740 +86) is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any variance between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges to Deposit Account No. 50-2319.

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LESTER *et al.*

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For: Inward Rectifier, G-Protein Activated,
Mammalian, Potassium Channels and Uses Thereof

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed May 20, 2003. A **Notice of Appeal** was filed in this application on November 19, 2003 and received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 24, 2003. This paper is accompanied by a **Request for Continued Examination** under 37 CFR §1.114 along with a petition for extension of time and the associated fees. Applicant respectfully requests that examination of the application be reopened and the accompanying amendments be entered. Also included with this filing is **Statement of Substance of Interview** pursuant to 37 CFR 1.133(b).

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fee which may be required, including for extension of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Our Order No. A-63098-1/RFT/THR).

Amendments to the Specification are shown beginning on page 2 of this paper.

The claims are shown in the **List of Claims** beginning on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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